

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM OF ISRAEL

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1) A WORD TO "DAVAR".

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We have been taught by experience that whenever "Davar" makes in its editorial an attack on dissidents, one should look up its back copy, two or three days old, for a report on meeting between some leading member of the Mapai Party (who may be styled "Member of the Jewish Agency Executive" or "Cabinet Minister") and some Gentile, who has a direct or indirect power over the fate of Eretz-Israel.

Such has been our experience for many years and it has as yet never deceived us. After every meeting with MacMichael, Gurney or Cunningham, "Davar" pages foamed against the fighting Underground, and every ultimatum, received by Golda Meyerson from outside, was invariably followed by an ultimatum of the Jewish Agency directed inside.

Therefore, on reading the yesterday's "Davar" editorial, denouncing the activities of dissidents in Jerusalem, we almost automatically started looking for a meeting that must have taken place recently. We found it.

Last Friday Gen. Lundstroem, Commander-in-Chief of the U. N. Forces here, had a talk with our Foreign Minister concerning the situation in... Jerusalem.

It is universally known what the situation in Jerusalem would be without the existence and activity of dissidents, so venomously attacked by "Davar". The "Davar" falsifiers of history, however, will not be able to distort the truth, as the history falsifiers of the Bar-Kochba period succeeded to do.

Ask Jerusalemites and they will tell you:

Who were the volunteers that drove Arabs out of Romema, Lifta, Sheik-Bader, liberated the western part of Jerusalem and saved it from encirclement and ultimate destruction. Where were "Davar"'s volunteers, who volunteered to surrender Jerusalem to an imaginary international army. How Bernard Joseph "volunteered" then to ask for Norwegian forces for the protection of the city. Who "volunteered" to guard Hassolel Street, the Jewish Agency buildings, Ben Yehuda Road and the Business Centre. Every Jew in Jerusalem knows the truth, what the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel performed in those early days and how behaved the betrayers of Jerusalem. Everybody knows that it was Deir-Yasin that struck terror into the hearts of Arab masses and caused their stampede - that blessed miracle that has strengthened us and dealt the enemy a far greater blow than all the combined strategic wisdom of Defence Army commanders could have done. (We hope that after Lydda "Davar" will no more shed crocodile tears over the atrocities of Deir-Yasin.)

To-day "Davar" attacks the unsolicited L.H.Y. volunteers who kidnapped some American consular clerk, an Antisemite and enemy agent, author of notorious reports.

We admit it. The Fighters for the Freedom of Israel did kidnap that official, interrogated him and handed him over to the Defence Army of Israel. But we recall also other kidnappings, Mr. Editor of "Davar", when your men kidnapped Jews, interrogated and tortured them, and finally handed them over to British hangmen for more torture and imprisonment.

That's the difference between a kidnapping and kidnapping, Mr. Editor.

Without the Underground's unsolicited volunteering to fight, you - who volunteered to serve the British C.I.D. - would not have succeeded to power.

2) BRITISH EXAMPLE.

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The State of Israel has inherited many bad traits from the period of British oppression. On every turn one meets laws, practices and customs dating from the days of our enslavement: censorship, detention camps and road curfews, unheard of laws and regulations.

It is, of course, quite permissible to learn from other nations, especially in the fields not covered by the ancient Hebrew laws and customs. But while learning and copying, one must be careful not to imitate evil practices. However, even in Britain we find sometimes acts worthy of emulation.

Just to-day we have read in papers about Britain refusing U.N.O. to send observers to one of her colonies.

Not to Britain herself, mind. Nobody in the U.N.O. would think of sending observers to British coasts to see that no men of military age arrive in Britain. No person in its senses would think of sending a Swedish general to the port of Liverpool to ascertain whether or not arms are being loaded there, destined for some country to which arms shipments are forbidden by the U.N.O. Any motion to this effect would only produce laughter in Britain and elsewhere. In this case, however, only a gentle hint was made that it would be desirable to send observers to certain British colonies. Not to Britain herself, but to some countries ruled by her. Not to order the British out of those countries, but just to see if people in those colonies did not suffer hunger and privation. Just in case there might be among the natives some detainees or refugees that should be taken care of like the Arab refugees are. The aim was philanthropic, not political. The despatch of observers was proposed with no intention of making territorial cuts or encroaching on the administrative authority, but just see with what bad grace the British took the proposal and with what firmness they rejected it!

Now come and see how the State of Israel permits itself and its sovereignty to be treated. How it suffers hundreds of foreign soldiers to infest it, sticking their noses into every hole and crack, staring at and wagging their tongues about every able-bodied young Jew, every vantage point, every ship at the coast.

In this case not a colony but a metropolis, a so-called sovereign state is concerned.

In this case it would be worthwhile to learn something from the British, to wit: how to feel ourselves at home as free as they feel themselves in territories under their imperialist heel.